

Brooklyn Friends School

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEAD MANDARIN TEACHER, GRADES 6-8, for 2019-20 School Year

Position Description

Brooklyn Friends School seeks to hire a Full-Time student-centered Middle School Mandarin teacher with the ability to expand an already thriving Upper School program to the middle grades and oversee program development. Currently, Mandarin Chinese is offered in the Middle School as an elective course to eighth grade students. This position affords the opportunity to create a comprehensive 6th-12th Mandarin Program and the founding course content and expectations for sixth and seventh grade Mandarin classes. Students in the Middle School currently select from French or Spanish as their main modern language choice in Grade 6; we are seeking to make Mandarin a third modern language choice in an already thriving World Language Program. This position will report to the Middle School Division Head and collaborate extensively with the Middle School World Language Department Chair.

Responsibilities:

- Teach up to five sections of Mandarin Chinese, possibly across divisions
- Develop initial curriculum, scope and sequence for a progressive Middle School Mandarin program which effectively feeds into Upper School Mandarin
- Coordinate with World Language Department Chair to oversee electives process, class placement and scheduling
- Serve as an advisor in the middle school
- Other duties specified by division

Skills and Experience:

- Background in teaching World Language at the middle school level
- Strong pedagogical and organizational skills
- Proficiency with technology and a desire to incorporate technology into the classroom
- High energy, high career ambition, and strong ability to connect with adolescents
- Ability to effectively differentiate instruction
- Ability to develop language immersion field trip experience across New York City
- The ability to exhibit enthusiasm, creativity, collaboration and flexibility
- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal
- Ability to meet and adhere to multiple deadlines
- Demonstrated commitment to professional development and lifelong learning
- Maturity and stability sufficient for a demanding position

Desired Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Mandarin Chinese Language or Mandarin Chinese Education required, with a Master's degree preferred
- Three or more years of Mandarin Chinese teaching experience preferred
- Experience working as part of a collaborative team of teachers

Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to: worldlanguageposition@brooklynfriends.org